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**Marc Landgraf to lead External Affairs  
At Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority**

**San Jose, CA, December 17, 2014:** The Open Space Authority is excited to welcome Marc Landgraf as the new External Affairs Manager. In this role he will develop new public, nonprofit and private funding opportunities and conservation partnerships to support the Authority's mission of preserving open space lands in Santa Clara County.

"We are delighted to have Marc in this pivotal role," said General Manager Andrea Mackenzie. "Creative partnerships will serve as a cornerstone for our conservation programs and engagement with the community as we begin our implementation of Measure Q and the [Santa Clara Valley Greenprint](#) in 2015."

Marc has been in the land conservation field for over 14 years, including nearly 7 years at Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST). As Director of External Affairs at POST, Marc built a broad range of traditional and nontraditional partnerships and also played a leadership role in the passing of Measure AA and Measure Q. Both of these measures will contribute significant funding to regional conservation for years to come.

Prior to working in conservation, Marc was a design engineering manager at Intel Corporation. Marc enjoys spending time with his family outdoors – hiking, biking and cross-country skiing. He is also an opera fan.

***The Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority** conserves the natural environment, supports agriculture, and connects people to nature, by protecting open spaces, natural areas, and working farms and ranches for future generations. Since 1993, the Open Space Authority has protected more than 18,000 acres of open space, preserving the region's scenic beauty, protecting water resources and other natural capital, and providing outdoor recreation opportunities for Santa Clara County residents.*